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CANNOT OPEN NEW BANK BUILDING

Removal of Business Men's Club Delayed by Lack of Fire Escape.

OWNERS CLAIM EXEMPTION

Inspector Beck and Fire Chief Joynes Refuse to Sign Permit.

Failure to meet the requirements of two city departments has delayed the opening of the new portion of the American National Bank Building, and the removal to its new quarters of the Business Men's Club. Building Inspector Beck and Fire Chief Joynes are demanding the erection of an outside fire escape before the club rooms are thrown open to the public, and the Electrical Inspector Spelch is demanding the removal of the old building and the erection of a new one, which is in violation of the electrical code. A force of men is looking for the "hook" in the current, and it is believed that the demands of the electrical department will have been met within a few days.

There is on file in the office of the Building Inspector a mass of correspondence with regard to the erection of the new escape, going back for years. When the original building was erected, one of the first steel frame buildings in Richmond, the City Council by special resolution, exempted it from the general provision requiring fire escapes on public buildings. Mayor McCarthy vetoed the exemption, and after acrimonious debate the City Council adopted the resolution. The building has since stood without an outside means of egress in case of fire.

Must Provide Fire Escape. When plans were filed for adding an annex or adjoining building to the existing structure, the City Council, under the provisions of the building code, adopted by the Council, required the new building to be equipped with a fire escape running up to the club rooms on the top floor. The number of stories over the existing building was not specified, and the building erected in connection with the new building was not to be equipped with a fire escape running up to the club rooms on the top floor. The City Council, under the provisions of the building code, adopted by the Council, required the new building to be equipped with a fire escape running up to the club rooms on the top floor.

Chief Joynes is out of the city, but Acting Chief Ruffo fully indicated his position on the subject. Erected on Steel Frame. Inspector Beck says that while the entire building is erected on a steel frame, and has a fireproof shell, there is much combustible material in the various sections of the building not being divided off by fire walls or metal doors. He has in his office records of fires starting and burning for some time in steel frame buildings of so-called fireproof construction. Another element of danger is the presence of ordinary brick and the roof buildings with wooden beams just next door, which in case of extended fire might lead to the metal of the frame of the building. Officials of the bank claim that the building is practically fireproof, that it is admirably arranged with staircases from roof to the ground, front and back, the stairs in each instance being away from the elevator shaft instead of surrounding it, as is the usual custom. Ample means of egress, it is claimed, are provided in case of any alarm or panic in any part of the building.

Cannot Open Building. Nevertheless, Mr. Beck says that the provisions of the building code are

plainly, that there must be fire escapes on all such public buildings, and that if the building is opened for public use without complying with the law, the owners will oppose any effort to secure from the Council an exemption for the annex and upper floors similar to that granted by the Council for the old building, as bad public policy and setting a bad precedent. They point to the fact that the Mutual Building and all other steel frame structures of a public character in the city are equipped in accordance with the building code, and that the owners of the American Bank were notified of this requirement when their plans were filed before building operations began.

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DEATH OF SPENCE CAUSE BY BLOWS

Coroner's Jury Puts Blame for Fatal Accident on Young Pendleton.

CONFLICT IN TESTIMONY

Aged Man Had Been Annoyed by Boys Before Pendleton Struck or Shoved Him.

Virgilus T. Pendleton, the sixteen-year-old son of Policeman Pendleton, was held by the coroner's jury to be responsible for the death of Hugh Spence, according to the evidence. Pendleton either struck or pushed Spence, who fell and fractured his skull.

The jury's verdict was that "Hugh Spence came to his death from a blow caused by the act of Virgilus T. Pendleton on September 1."

There was much variation in the testimony, the boys, George E. Alvis, Clarence Freeman and Alvin Ruffo, and J. A. Cunningham, a colored man, testifying that Pendleton only pushed Spence after the latter had attempted to enter the store, and the men, Robert E. Miller, Robert B. May and J. R. Gray, testifying that Pendleton struck Spence with his hand, leaving his store to inflict the blows.

Testimony Differs. The discrepancy in the testimony came as a surprise, it having been the general opinion beforehand that Spence's death was entirely accidental. Pendleton himself did not testify. He was represented by Wendenburg, who asked few questions, reserving himself for the trial, which was postponed in his case until the 10th. The boys were bailed in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance on that date. F. Z. Pelech giving the necessary surety.

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STATE COMMITTEE CALLED TO MEET

Democratic Authorities to Hold Session in Richmond September 13.

CONFLICT IN TESTIMONY

Executive Committee Will Meet at Same Time—List of Members.

Notices of a coming meeting of the Democratic State Central and Executive Committees were sent out yesterday from the office of State Chairman J. Taylor Elyson, in this city. The meeting was planned before Mr. Elyson left Richmond, the notice being released from Milwaukee.

The two committees will meet at Murphy's Hotel, in Richmond on Tuesday, September 13, at 8 P. M. It is customary to have a meeting of the executive body of the Democratic Party every year, whether a State primary or convention be on hand or not. The meeting on September 13 will be such a gathering.

All nominations for Congress in all of the districts will have been made by that date. The committee will look over the situation and consider what circumstances need its attention. This means that plans will be discussed for extending aid to the Democrats of the Ninth and Fifth Districts in the struggles being waged for the election of the party nominees.

Eight Districts Safe. It is not believed that it will be necessary for the committee to extend more than general aid to the party candidates in the other eight districts of the State.

Of course, it is possible that the Young-Maynard matter, from the Second District, may come before the State Committee in one form or another. If so, it will be not only the province, but the duty, of the body, to take the case and to take final action. Either of the contestants has the right of appeal from the Second District Committee, and to avail himself of it. The State Committee is the final arbiter of disputes within the party.

In case the Second District matter is a factor in the meeting, the gathering will attract more than ordinary interest. There is never lacking some excitement in anything coming from the Norfolk region.

Presumably just after the meeting of the State Central Committee, the State Executive Committee will have a session, probably a secret one. The State Committee is composed of fifty members, five from each Congressional District, while the Executive Committee, appointed by the State Chairman, has only ten members, one from each district, with the chairman and the State Secretary. It is the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out the plans of the State Central Committee, and it is naturally largely given the detail of the party work.

Has Important Duties. "The State Committee," says the party plan of organization, "is charged with the affairs of the party, and it is the duty of the party to obey its decisions and to direct its conduct in obedience to the declarations and policy of the party, as the same shall be set forth by the State Convention."

The last meeting of the State Committee was held in Richmond in October, 1929, when it was organized, since the committee was called upon to nominate a party candidate for the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, made vacant by the death of David G. Egleston. It was then that the election date to permit the holding of the party convention, Colonel B. O. Jones, the incumbent, was nominated by the meeting.

In January of this year the Executive Committee held a meeting to devise a law for the government of primaries, under a resolution of the State Convention of 1929. A law was drafted, but failed of passage by the Legislature.

Members of Committee. The State Committee is composed as follows:

First District—T. J. Downing, Lancaster; J. M. Curtis, Newport News; J. Boyd Sears, Matthews; R. L. Alworth, Eastview; E. D. Cole, Fredericksburg.

Second District—J. H. Connerly, Day Smithfield; W. W. Sale, Norfolk; Dr. F. S. Hope, Portsmouth; J. E. West, Suffolk; A. C. Cromwell, Norfolk.

Third District—L. C. Scott, Ashland; Clyde W. Saunders, Richmond; Dr. J. B. Fisher, Midlothian; Manly H. Barringer, New Kent; Simon Solomon, Richmond.

Fourth District—A. R. Morris, Sexton; W. A. Land, Blackstone; J. Taylor Thompson, Farmville; Robert Gilliam, Petersburg; H. F. Hutchinson, Boydton.

Fifth District—R. E. James, Danville; G. Burell, Martinsville; J. M. Hooper, Stuart; J. G. Davis, Independence; D. A. Nicholson, Rocky Mount.

Sixth District—H. O. Humphries, Bedford City; George W. Muse, Salem; Sidney Shelburne, Christiansburg; C. C. Barker, South Boston; H. P. Adams, Lynchburg.

Seventh District—R. T. W. Duke, Charlottesville; George W. Kinsey, Washington; W. E. Carson, Riverton; C. H. Purcell, Winchester; E. W. Carpenter, Harrisonburg.

Eighth District—C. L. Moncure, Stafford; Gardner L. Boothe, Alexandria; R. A. McIntire, Warrenton; Paul Garrett, Leesburg; Raleigh T. Green, Culpeper.

Ninth District—P. F. St. Clair, Bane; E. E. Buchanan, Marion; W. D. Smith, Gate City; R. L. Lynch, Richmond; M. C. Clark, Honaker.

Tenth District—Joseph Butten, Richmond; Edward Echols, Staunton; I. P. Whitehead, Lynchburg; W. R. Allen, Buchanan; William M. McAllister, Warm Springs.

GARRETT WALKS TERRITORY EXTENDED OVER NEW LINE

President Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, yesterday issued a general circular announcing the appointment of Garrett B. Wall as assistant to the president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway of Indiana, Kentucky and Louisville Road. As such Mr. Wall will have charge of real estate and taxation matters in which the road is interested and will perform such other duties as may be assigned to him from time to time. Mr. Wall already occupies a similar position with the Chesapeake and Ohio.

MOTORMAN FREEED FROM ALL BLAME

Coroner's Jury Finds That Miss Keith Had Planned Suicide.

CONFLICT IN TESTIMONY

No Reason for Act Found Other Than That Given by Unfortunate Girl.

Coroner W. A. Deas and a jury rendered a verdict yesterday afternoon at the Henrico county courthouse that Miss E. Muriel Keith, about twenty-four years old, a stenographer, employed by the Virginia State Fair Association, committed suicide by placing herself on the tracks of the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Company, Tuesday morning, near the Summer Home of the Young Women's Christian Association, in Ginter Park, where she was run over and killed.

The motorman of the car, J. P. Swann, was exonerated of any blame in connection with the killing. The jury found that Miss Keith threw herself in front of the electric car while under great depression. The only motive that could be had for her tragic end was that of some real or imaginary trouble which caused mental depression.

Leaped on Track. Several witnesses testified to seeing Miss Keith walking by the side of the car tracks a short time before she was killed. One witness testified that she intended suicide. Linus Carlington, colored, a passenger on the car, testified that he saw Miss Keith leap on the tracks. The jury found that she was fifteen or twenty feet ahead of the rapidly moving vehicle. He said that she made no effort to get out of the way.

Motorman Swann testified that he saw Miss Keith fall across the tracks a short time before the car, and that he sounded the whistle and applied the brakes, but was powerless to stop the car in time to prevent the accident. The motorman said that the woman was walking by the side of the track when she turned and ran directly in front of the car. He said that he saw her look toward the car and then fall upon the track.

Miss Sadie Haley, superintendent of the Young Women's Christian Association, where Miss Keith lived, could throw no light upon the cause of the young woman's suicide. She said that Miss Keith was rarely absent from the home in the evening, and that usually she was accompanied by some of the young women.

Found No Reason. Deputy Sheriff Traylor, of Henrico county, testified that he arrived at the scene of the killing about thirty minutes after the accident. He went to Miss Keith's room at the home and made a thorough inspection of her effects, but found nothing that would indicate why she had committed suicide. He gathered up several hundred letters addressed to Miss Keith and read a number, but discovered nothing in any of them which he perceived had any bearing on the cause of the suicide. He turned the letters over to Acting Commonwealth's Attorney W. K. Matthews, when called to the stand, said that he had read about twenty-five of the letters, but there was nothing in any of them that had any bearing on the case.

The letter which Miss Keith wrote at 6 P. M. on Tuesday, a hour before she committed suicide, addressed to Mr. R. Lloyd, general manager of the Virginia State Fair Association, was the only one which the jury did not read the letter while the public investigation was in progress, but considered it while deliberating in executive session.

Planned Suicide. The letter, which was found on the body of Miss Keith, stamped and addressed to Mr. Lloyd, follows:

"Ginter Park, September 1, 1930.
"Dear Mr. Lloyd:
"A feeling of awful depression has gripped hold of me, which I have not the strength morally or physically to shake off. I have decided to take my life. You can write such sweet letters that I am sure you will write to mother and father for me and let them not to grieve too much, won't you?"

"I wish the fair all the success that it deserves, and the general manager of the fair, Mr. Lloyd, can shaver upon it."
"From MURIEL KEITH."
"615 A. M."

Verdict of Jury. The coroner's verdict follows:

"The jurors sworn to inquire when, how, and by what means E. Muriel Keith came to her death, upon their oaths do say that she came to her death on the first day of September, 1930, about 11 o'clock A. M., by throwing herself in front of a passenger car belonging to the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway Company, car being in charge of Motorman J. P. Swann and Conductor A. T. Johns."

Great pressure of emotion was shown by the jury when the letter was read. The jurors also found that the motorman was in no way to blame for the tragedy.

MRS. JONES PACIFIED, BUT SHE CERTAINLY DISROAR

Moving Folk Wanted Telephone in Old Home the Last Day and in New Home the First—Six Hundred Just Like That.

"Is that Complaint?" "Well, this is Mrs. Percy Jones—Madison ten-four-double six"—want to know why the phone has not been put in my new house on Franklin Street, as I most explicitly directed. We moved from our old place on Grove Avenue this morning, and took the phone to the new place. I request that the phone be ready for use in the new house this evening. No, I am coming from Mrs. Jones, who lives next door. It seems to me that you people should try to be accommodating. Heaven knows—What's that you say?

"Six hundred people made the same request?" "Well, that is no concern of mine. I won't say a word to any one. I have seen to it that I have made excuses; no use for you to be making excuses; I intend to have Mr. Jones see your general manager, that is what I want to do, and then maybe—"

Until yesterday, when the local telephone company completed the seemingly impossible task of moving 600 telephones in twenty-four hours' time, and on but a few hours' notice, this sort of thing had been pouring into the central office almost continually for the day before. In the meantime several hundred workmen had been having a very strenuous twenty-four hours' day, and it was the people at the other end of the line who had reason to cuss.

More than 600 families who have telephones changed their places of residence between sunrise and the morning of August 31 and sundown that same day. In practically every instance these subscribers demanded the use of the phone in the old place of abode until the actual minute of departure. And that when the first vanload of furniture arrived on the new premises the instrument be installed and ready for use there.

It can readily be seen that the telephone company was up against no mean proposition. Six hundred telephones, in all parts of the city, to be moved in a day. Six hundred telephones to be taken down and new ones to be put up, while Mrs. Percy Jones's household effects were being transferred from the old place on Grove Avenue to the new place on Franklin.

In most cases Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Green were just as unreasonable in their request as Mrs. Jones. They would listen to no explanation from the central office. They would accept no excuse. That was all. They were in the same position as themselves was of no concern to them. Their own particular request should have been granted first. To Mrs. Jones it was a case of no matter.

The telephone company has about completed its colossal task, and peace is being restored along the line. A small army of workmen was needed for the job. Working without even stopping to eat, they have succeeded in taking down 600 telephones from their old places and installing them in the new in the time that it takes a busy day. Mrs. Jones, however, is within her call.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. A marriage license was issued yesterday in the Hustings Court to Samuel G. T. Dew and Mary A. Thompson.

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BUSY AT BOTH ENDS

Disposing of the remainder of our lightweight stock at reduced prices and showing the advance Fall Styles in Fall Hats, Raincoats, etc.

Plenty of Those Tan and Gray Rubber Coats at \$5.00.

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BLUESMAKERS PLAN TO HASTEN FOR GYMNASIUM MAIL DELIVERY

Equipment to Be Purchased. Arrangements for March to Petersburg.

Postmaster Asks Patrons to Provide Door Slot so Carriers Can Make Better Time.

Plans were developed last night by which the Blues' Battalion will soon have a well-equipped gymnasium. Part of the regular "gym" outfit will be purchased at once, and it is expected to have it in place and ready for use within two weeks.

This was determined at a conference held between representatives of each company and Major W. B. Bales, sergeant E. W. Gates is chairman of the athletic committee.

The Blues have not the funds to fully equip the gymnasium, but a large room is provided in the new armory. They hope to get consideration of this matter in the new city budget.

It was further decided to at once mark off the drill hall on the third floor for tennis and basketball court. The tennis equipment will be expected, largely donated by the companies.

Play Indoor Ball. Two teams picked from Company C will play a game of indoor baseball in the drill hall next Thursday night. The game will be played on a regular ball field, but the Blues have not allowed a game of their own, in which a tennis ball is struck with the hand. The game is being played on the athletic spirit in the battalion, and to afford every opportunity to those who are inclined to improve themselves physically.

But few men now remain in the company squads, which have been marching in training for the hike to Petersburg or September 16. The contestants are being weeded out, and within a few days the final selections will be made.

A cut will go to the winning team, to be kept as a trophy of the company. Any company which wins the trophy three years in succession will be entitled to retain it as a permanent property.

Arrangements for this competitive march will be made by the Blues' Battalion. It is probable that one squad will leave the armory at 2:30, one at 3 and one at 3:30 P. M.

MRS. JOHN DUNLOP DEAD

Second Attack of Paralysis Brings Remarkable Life to an End.

Mrs. Mary M. Dunlop, widow of John Dunlop, died yesterday afternoon at her home, 118 West Franklin Street, after an illness lasting over several months. She was stricken with paralysis on the second day of June, and since that time has been unable to move about. She suffered a second attack several days ago, and since then her death has been merely a question of time. The arrangements for the funeral had not been made at a late hour last night.

Mrs. Dunlop was Miss Mary Maury of Norfolk, married John Dunlop, of Petersburg, and came to live in Richmond shortly after the war. She was a brilliant mind and intelligent woman, and a devoted wife. Her death was a great loss to the family, and she was a great help to the work for which the mission was intended.

Mrs. Dunlop was survived by no immediate family and very few relatives in this city.

Must Learn New Law. There were several cases of violation of the traffic ordinance in Police Court yesterday morning, but all the drivers were fined. A man arrested by Justice Crutchfield. Fifteen days is set as the time in which Justice Crutchfield will allow them to become familiar with the new law. An imposing penalty for violation. Thereafter each case will be judged on its merits.

Election Postponed. A meeting of the new Company H, First Regiment, was held last night. The meeting was postponed to next Thursday night.

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Postmaster Asks Patrons to Provide Door Slot so Carriers Can Make Better Time.

In an effort to facilitate the delivery of mail by carriers Postmaster Edgar Allan, Jr., acting on instructions from the Post-Office Department at Washington is appealing to patrons of this office to provide receptacles for mail so that householders will not have to respond to the postman's ring.

It is pointed out by the postmaster that a great deal of time is lost by carriers waiting at the doors for a response to the postman's ring. In addition to this loss of time, householders are absent or it may not be convenient to answer the bell. Should the carrier wait reasonable time and proceed without delivering the mail, the patron complains at the delay. On the other hand, if the postman consumes time in waiting for a response to his ring he is delayed and at the other end of his route patrons complain because of the apparent unnecessary delay.

Cost Only Nominal. According to Mr. Allan, the cost of providing a box or a slot in the door will be only a few cents, and will do greatly aid in prompt delivery and trouble and sometimes prevent the loss of money to the postman who provides receptacles for mail. For covering his route in a reasonable time.

Mr. Allan hopes that patrons of the Richmond post-office will take kindly to the suggestion and better delivery of mail. "Take, for an instance, a route on which there are 350 stops. A saving of a quarter of a minute at each stop would give persons living at the end of the route their mail an hour or more earlier."

May Ask for Ruling. At the convention of the National Association of Postmasters of the First Class, which will be held in Richmond on September 25 to 29, the question of whether patrons shall be required to provide receptacles for mail for city delivery will be discussed. Postmaster Seth B. Strong, of Houston, Tex., and Postmaster H. H. Allen, of Detroit, Mich., will deliver addresses on this subject. If the convention should go on record as favoring the plan to require patrons to provide boxes or slots in their doors, it is pretty certain that the Post-Office Department would then be compelled to require patrons to comply with this rule or not receive city delivery.

What Mr. Allan Says. The following statement which Postmaster Allan has prepared to be sent to patrons in Richmond:

By direction of the Post-Office Department, the attention of the patrons of